

Elementary and Early Childhood Teachers Utah HOUSSE*

I. Teachers who graduated with an elementary and/or early childhood degree major from a college or university whose program was accredited and who meet the following additional criteria will be Highly Qualified under the No Child Left Behind legislation:

- Graduated with an elementary and/or early childhood major AND
- Were recommended for licensure by that institution AND
- Have completed at least three years of teaching with successful evaluations (Level 2 license) AND
- Have a current educator license AND
- Are appropriately assigned.

II. Utah teachers with other degree majors must meet one of the following criteria to earn Highly Qualified status under the No Child Left Behind legislation:

Criteria 1:

- Major equivalency: 36 semester/54 quarter hours of successful completion (A, B, C grades) of NCLB content applicable to assignment (mathematics, science, social studies, fine arts, and English/language arts/reading) AND
- Were recommended for licensure by an accredited institution of higher education AND
- Have completed at least three years of teaching with successful evaluations (Level 2 license) AND
- Have a current educator license AND
- Are appropriately assigned.

OR

Criteria 2:

- ETS Praxis II Test: <http://www.ets.org/praxis/index.html>
 - Elementary Education Content Area Exercises #0012 or
 - Elementary Education Content Knowledge (10014)
- Have a current educator license AND
- Are appropriately assigned.

All teachers who meet current Utah State Office of Education state requirements for their current teaching assignment were reported to the U. S. Department of Education as “Interim Highly Qualified” for the September 1, 2003 report. However, the Utah report for 2004 will not include “interim” as a descriptor.

*New to the profession are those teachers who began teaching in a licensed position (Level 1,2, or 3) on or after July 1, 2005. Not new to the profession are educators who began their teaching career before that date.

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